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I have many other letters to write. My sister begs  
that you give some time to her. I am sure  
that my brother and sister will be greatly obliged to you.  
I shall forward the paper which you have been so  
kind to send to me. I have been so much interested  
in the cause of the poor, and to all the contributors,  
who will have been so gratified to receive it. I have  
only a few weeks since that you had never received  
the beautiful large piece of Chaucer, which suggests  
me the idea of the "Book". I had been consigned to the  
care of the State of New York for Mr. Garrison to take  
over. Mr. G. called at request of Mr. S's warehouse, but  
not being time to further notice was taken, I Mr. S.  
wrote to him in great dismay a little time since, to know  
what was to be done with the book. I have requested him to

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send it to Morris's Emp. Hotel to meet F. Douglass who can  
convey it to Boston. — I need not repeat to you what  
I have told Mr. Follen, our very high estimation of this  
noble man. It seems (I indeed do cannot doubt who be-  
lieve that a particular providence necessarily arises from  
a general one) as if he were raised up & wonderfully pre-  
served to prove to the world the wrongs of some of God's wretched  
children. He excites the warmest enthusiasm wherever  
he goes, & will return to you, laden with love & sympathy,  
which will fortify him against all the opposition & contempt  
he may have to endure. He is perhaps more generally  
appreciated than Mr. Garrison, though the few who have  
~~enjoyed~~ Mr. G.'s friendship in England feel that he has a place  
in their hearts that no other can take. Let the rich & great in  
Boston despise him as they please, we are proud of being counted  
among his friends. In saying this I would not be understood  
to give unqualified admiration or approval to all he says or  
does; you know that I have expressed most distinctly my  
great regret at the language he uses on many occasions, which  
my sense of Christian charity will not allow me to defend, &  
which has prevented many truly excellent men whose  
hearts are in your cause, from seeming to sanction it



by their names & influence. But yet I do most earnestly  
love & respect his living, earnest devotion to the cause, &  
one of my most treasured recollections will be his visit  
to Bristol, & the intercourse which I was privileged to have  
with him. — I fear that you regard our offerings to the  
cause with far too much partiality, but I rejoice that any  
we can bring, of our talents or position in society, may  
help to raise it from the the slough of vulgarity which is thrown  
on it. But the bare idea of vulgarity connected with  
efforts to free the human soul from Bondage, is in  
my opinion monstrous! Did not Christ come to seek & to  
save that which is lost? We shall next hear that it itself  
is vulgar, for Christ came to make us free! I can hardly  
believe, & in fact I cannot believe that the Boston people  
can think it vulgar to unite with some of the noblest  
spirits that have graced this earth! In England the influence  
of the Established Church has generally a damping effect on all  
good works such they do <sup>not</sup> originate, but you have not this.

Be assured then, my dear Friend, that while we do not wish  
to associate ourselves with a party as such, nor to be answerable  
for its proceedings at this great distance, we will be faithful  
to your cause, <sup>& the Abolitionist groups, who so nobly quote themselves to it,</sup> & nothing that we can do, consistently with  
our claims on our kind & efforts, shall be wanting. In  
all my correspondence with my American friends, this shall



